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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team VIII - Photo Chip

Minutes of the First and Second Meetings at
Arlington Hall Station, October 1 and 2

Participants

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| DIA | - | |
| FTD | - | |
| NPIC | - | |
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| Navy | - | |
| SAC | - | |
| CODIB | - | |

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by pointing out that he had called this group together at this time primarily to take advantage of the thinking of those DOD people including the services, CINC's, and especially SAC and FTD who had just participated in a world-wide Intelligence conference sponsored by DIA Production Center. He added that he felt that their experience should be especially useful during the initial stages of formulating the Photo Chip problem for the Intelligence Community and for blocking out the Terms of Reference for guiding the efforts of the Task Team. He commented that he would consider those present as constituting a special working group for problem and Terms formulation, and that the drafts arrived at would be circulated to all Team members for their comments and discussion at the next session of the Team. It was agreed that the first draft of the problem and Terms would be circulated among those present for further examination prior to wider distribution, and that all problem and Terms formulations would be considered to be working drafts until approved by CODIB.

2. There followed a wide-ranging discussion, including current exploitation techniques; the size, shape, thickness of Photo Chips; their chemical and physical properties; present operational requirements for photographic

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intelligence; present policy for dissemination and use; the state of Photo Chip systems in being or up-coming; present and future technology bearing on automatic handling of Photo "Chip"; the possibility of broader use of all forms of photographic information, and several related matters. Out of this, came a series of agreements which constitute launch points for the initial phase of the Task Team effort.

3. General Operating Policy. It was quickly agreed that, in view of the research that would probably be necessary to establish the essential and relevant facts regarding the Photo Chip problem, every advantage should be taken of work done on this problem to date. The SCIPS Report, especially Volume 6 1/ was cited as a basic reference for a Community view of Photo Chips. A special report by the Interservice Coordinating and Integrating Group for TRABS 2/ was also cited as were the results of the current DIA Production Center's world-wide conference which dealt with Photo Intelligence and photo exploitation. In regard to certain "in-house" memos which bear on the problem, especially those pertaining to departmental Photo Chip systems, plans, or policies, it was agreed they should be handled in one of two ways. In those cases where the Chairman can obtain permission of the originating offices, these will be distributed to the Team members with an appropriate restriction as to use and access. In other cases, the Chairman will bring the relevant content to the attention of the appropriate Team members. The aim is to assure that the Task Team's work is done with the fullest possible knowledge of present and future activities connected with Photo Chips.

4. Meetings. It was agreed that, for the initial stages of the Task Team effort, meetings would be held every two weeks, and that members should be prepared to work at least two days for each session. It was also agreed to meet at the installation most appropriate in light of the work to be done.

5. Membership. It was agreed that a working nucleus should be made up of representatives knowledgeable in photographic intelligence, but that eventually the membership should be sufficiently broad to assure consideration of all aspects of Community concern, that each representative should be able to express the views of his home office, that all members should designate at least one alternate to assure representation at all meetings, and that each member should feel free to bring to meetings others with needed expertise or technical knowledge. It was also agreed that the present group should formulate the DRAFT Terms of Reference, but that when they were submitted for CODIB approval, attention should be called to the membership participating and recommendation should be made that CODIB circulate an invitation to CODIB members, agencies, or other parties who might have an interest in participating.

¹ Stage 1 Report of the Staff for the Community Information Processing Study (SCIPS), USIB-D-39.7/5, CODIB-D-82/28, 26 February 1964, Vol. VI, SECRET.

² Special ISCIG Committee for Standardization of Plans and Devices for Storage and Retrieval of Reconnaissance Materials, Committee Report, 15 June 1963, CONFIDENTIAL.

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6. Terms of Reference and Definition of Terms. Preliminary agreement was reached on a definition of Terms (Photographic Information and Photo Chip) and on the broad outlines for Terms of Reference. It was also agreed that the scribe should draft a fuller Terms for circulation via the CODIS dissemination system prior to the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting. It was agreed that the next session would start at 0900, October 19, and would run for at least two days. The Chairman accepted NPIC's invitation to hold the session in the NPIC facility. All members should forward appropriate clearance certifications to NPIC at least 24 hours prior to the opening meeting. Main item of business will be the DRAFT Terms.



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PS Attached is a list of representatives, alternates and other prospective participants or participating organizations. The list will be updated from time to time.

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